

# Feds discover transcripts of Biden chats with biographer

However, Silverberg said in [a court filing](#) Monday night that the department “in the past few days” confirmed that Hur’s office had transcripts made of a portion of Biden’s discussions with Zwonitzer, which occurred as Biden worked with him on memoirs published in 2007 and 2017. Prosecutors determined that some of those conversations contained classified information, although they were barred by Justice Department policy from pursuing charges against a sitting president and said they would not have done so in any event because of the imprecision of Biden’s memory and other factors.

“In the past few days...the Department located six electronic files, consisting of a total of 117 pages, that appeared to be verbatim transcripts of a small subset of the Biden-Zwonitzer audio recordings created for the SCO by a court-reporting service,” Silverberg wrote in the new filing.

In its efforts to wade through the records being demanded by conservative groups and news organizations, the Justice Department also reversed itself on another matter, the new filing reveals.

DOJ officials had resisted requests from Heritage to contact Hur and find out what materials he relied upon for key portions of his report, but amidst the confusion over the transcripts, it reached out to another unnamed person involved in Hur’s probe, according to the filing.

When that person was unavailable, the Justice Department relented and contacted Hur directly, the new submission says.

In a conversation with the former special counsel, Hur acknowledged relying on the Biden-Zwonitzer audio — as well as a portion of Biden’s

handwritten notes pertaining to a memo about Afghanistan — to compile his report. Silverberg said he would confer with the parties seeking access to Hur's materials about whether they would like Biden's notes processed for potential release as well.

Friedrich has set a hearing in the case for Tuesday morning.